Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Murray Soil and Water Conservation District FY05 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water quality – surface and ground water

Water erosion - sheet and rill and concentrated flow

Feedlots

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Beaver Creek watershed because of water quality and coliform bacteria

Lake Shetek watershed because of surface water quality

West Des Moines River watershed because of surface water and sediment loading.

Heron Lake watershed because of water quality and wildlife habitat

Redwood/Cottonwood River watershed because of water quality

Chanarambie Creek watershed because of threatened and endangered species

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

	Resource	
Factor	Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High	8
A2 Gully Control	High	10
B1 Water Resource	High	8
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High	10
C Habitat Improvement	Low	1
D Air Quality	Low	1
E Impaired Water	Medium	4
F Distance	Medium	8
G Grazing System	Low	1
H Forest Mgt.	Low	1
Additional Local*	Medium	1

^{*} If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

The weighting factors are identified as follows: Beaver Creek watershed because of water quality and coliform bacteria. Lake Shetek watershed because of surface water quality. West Des Moines River watershed because of surface water and sediment loading. Heron Lake watershed because of water quality and wildlife habitat. Redwood/Cottonwood River watershed because of water quality. Chanarambie Creek watershed because of threatened and endangered species.

For Factor I: Applications in the West Des Moines watershed, including Beaver Creek and Lake Shetek will receive points. Under Factor E, Beaver Creek, Cottonwood River, and Redwood River watersheds are identified as impaired and will receive 1 point for being a sensitive water body. Under the 2nd part of Factor E, Shetek, Beaver Creek, Heron Lake, Redwood, and Cottonwood will receive 1 point because they are clean water partnerships.

- 4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
- 5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 05 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group	Date	